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TAGS: PFOR YO

SUBJ: YUGOSLAV COMMENT ON MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE

1. TANJUG (YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY) COMMENT DATELINED WASHINGTON USG ACTIONS RE MAYAGUEZ PRIOR TO RECOVERY OF SHIP (CARRIED PROMINENTLY MAY 15 ON BOTH POLITIKA AND BORBA) RECALLED "TONKIN GULF INCIDENT" AND ATTRIBUTED DECISION TO ATTACK CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS TO INFLUENCE OF REACTION.

2. ARTICLE SAID A "PRETEXT" FOR ACTION AGAINST CAMBODIAN BOATS WAS CLAIM THAT THEY FIRED ON US PLANES, AND STATED THIS "TO A CERTAIN EXTENT RECALLS THE TONKIN GULF INCIDENT FROM 1964". ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY "OFFICIAL AMERICAN VERSION" THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE FIRED ON AMERICAN DESTROYERS IN FACT LATER WAS SHOWN TO BE "AN EXCUSE FOR THE US ENTRY INTO THE WAR AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM."

3. REFERRING TO CONFIRMATION BY WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN THAT THE PRESIDENT "HAD OBTAINED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT", ARTICLE SAYS THIS MEANS THERE WERE "SECRET CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEADERS OF CONGRESS"ABOUT WHICH THE PUBLIC

NOT INFORMED, AND THAT "THE VOICES OF THE RIGHT,  
CLOTHED IN THE GARMENT OF NATIONAL PRESIGE AND  
MORAL INDIGNATION, TIPPED THE BALANCE".

4. IN CONVERSATIONS MAY 15 WITH OFFICE FOR NORTH  
AMERICA DEPUTY GRUBOR, POL COUNSELOR IN LOW KEY REGRETTDA  
THESE COMMENTS AS OBNOXIOUS AND NOT IN KEEPING WITH  
MAINTENANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS, AND EXPRESSED HOPE  
THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE SUBSEQUENT COMMENT IN THIS  
VEIN BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT IT  
COULD HAVE.  
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